

A.—Sri M. V. RAMA RAO (Minister for Law).—

(a) Complaints have been received, but they are baseless. The Deputy Commissioner of South Kanara has not made any alterations in the Licence Form. No Government Order such as is mentioned has been issued.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes.

(d) Medicinal and Toilet Preparation Rules are to be amended by the Government of India and not by the State Government.

Sri M. SRINIVASA NAIK.—It is stated in the answer that the Deputy Commissioner of South Kanara has not made any alterations in the Licence Form. The ayurvedic practitioners have referred to Government that changes have been made. Under the circumstances will the Government consider changing the licence and the rules as required by the Ayurvedic Practitioners of South Kanara?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Answer to (c) will answer that supplementary question. They have said that these rules have to be amended by the Central Government and not by the State Government.

Sri M. SRINIVASA NAIK.—In the enforcement of these rules by the officials of the Excise and Revenue Departments, it is reported that harassment is caused to Ayurvedic practitioners.

†**Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.**—No, Sir. There is no harassment. I may assure the Hon'ble Member that no harassment is either intended or has been practised. The fact of the matter is, that the Ayurvedic practitioners would appear to regard that the requirement, that preparations which they intend to manufacture should be specified in the applications which they have to make for obtaining supplies of rectified spirit ought not to be insisted upon. But that cannot be done.

Sri M. SRINIVASA NAIK.—Will the Government be pleased to enquire into such matters if such cases are brought to notice?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Most assuredly. Any case of alleged harassment will most certainly be looked into by the Government.

Seniority list of officials of Mysore State Electricity Board.

*Q.—682. **Sri T. R. PARAMESHWARIAH (Tarikere).**—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the seniority list of officials of Mysore State Electricity Board was prepared in 1960-61;

(b) if so, whether they have called for any objections while preparing such list;

†Indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.

(c) whether it is a fact that while equating the posts of officials of Erstwhile Mysore and integrated Parts and length of service, cadre, jurisdictions, pay scales, etc., of erstwhile Mysore State officials were not considered?

A.—Sri G. B. SHANKARRAO (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Public Works).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Sri T. R. PARAMESHWARIAH.—May I know whether any promotions have been made recently from Assistant Engineer's to Executive Engineer's cadre, Sir?

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—Promotions as such have not been made. Only in-charge arrangements have been made.

Sri T. R. PARAMESHWARIAH.—On what basis such promotions were made?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is not regular promotion. The answer is that only in-charge arrangements were made.

Sri T. R. PARAMESHWARIAH.—May I know when the seniority list of this Department will be finalised, Sir?

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—It will be done in about a month or so.

Sri V. M. DEO.—In making these in-charge arrangements, what were the main considerations that weighed with the Board to make those appointments?

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—Sir, in-charge arrangements were done because in the inter-State Seniority list of the Mysore Electricity Board, officers of the Bombay Electricity Board were not included. So, the corrected provisional list is not prepared and the provisional list as corrected will be finalised in about a month or so.

Sri V. M. DEO.—In making these in-charge arrangements, pending final list, what were the considerations that weighed with the Board to make these appointments?

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—The only consideration was that administration should not suffer and so in-charge arrangements were made.

Sri V. M. DEO.—Was any regard paid to either the seniority or merit in making even these in-charge appointments?

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—Seniority, as was existing was considered.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Although several members are absent still complaints are made that answers are not received from the Government. The remaining questions are not taken up as members concerned are not present. Questions are over.